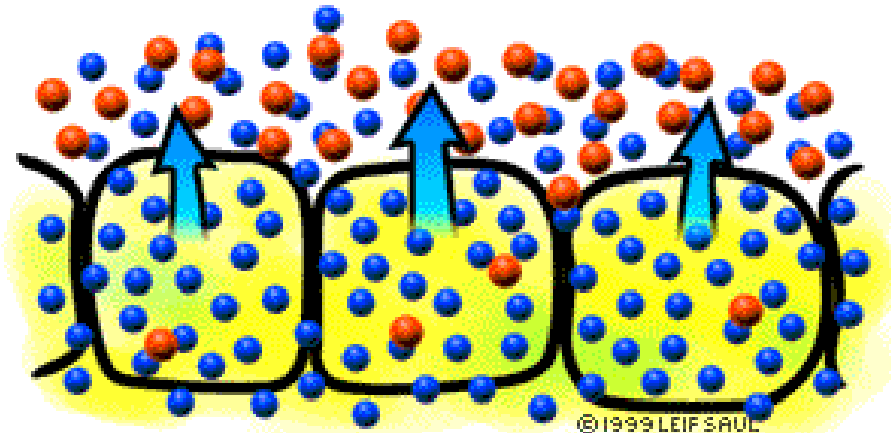
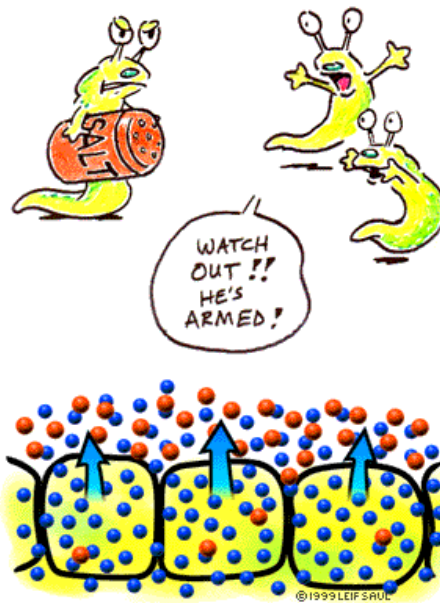


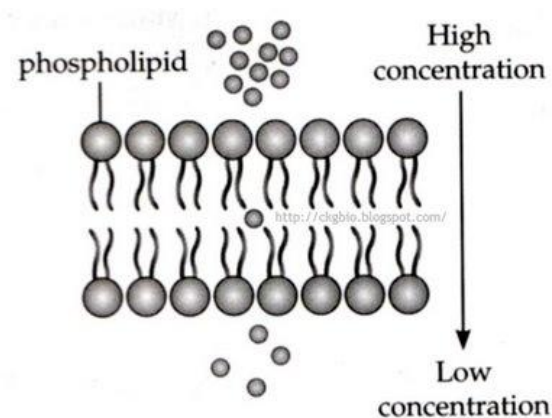
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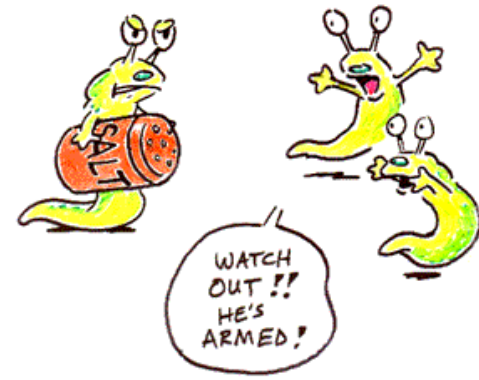


# Passive Transport Mechanisms

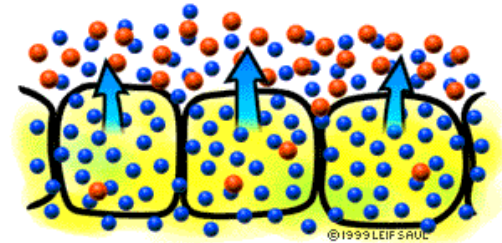
Aim: To understand how water crosses the plasma membrane *passively*



# Osmosis



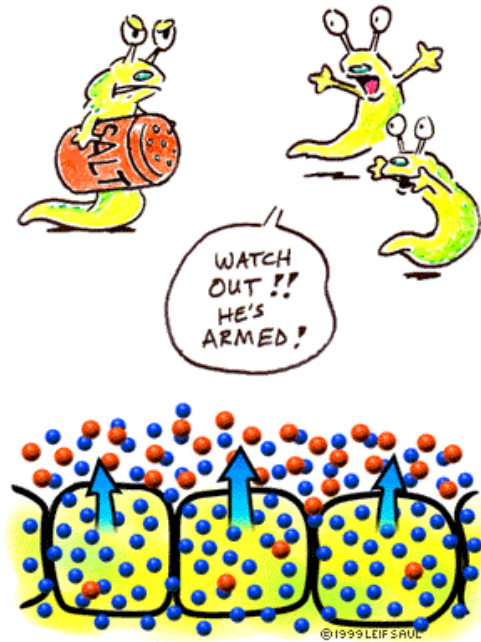
## Learning Objectives



1. **Describe** passive processes of movement across cell membranes (C)
2. **Explain** water potential using psi (B)
3. **Predict** the effects of different water potentials on The Naked Egg.

Write your old definition for osmosis:

Water moves from [high] of water molecules to [low] of water across a semi-permeable membrane.

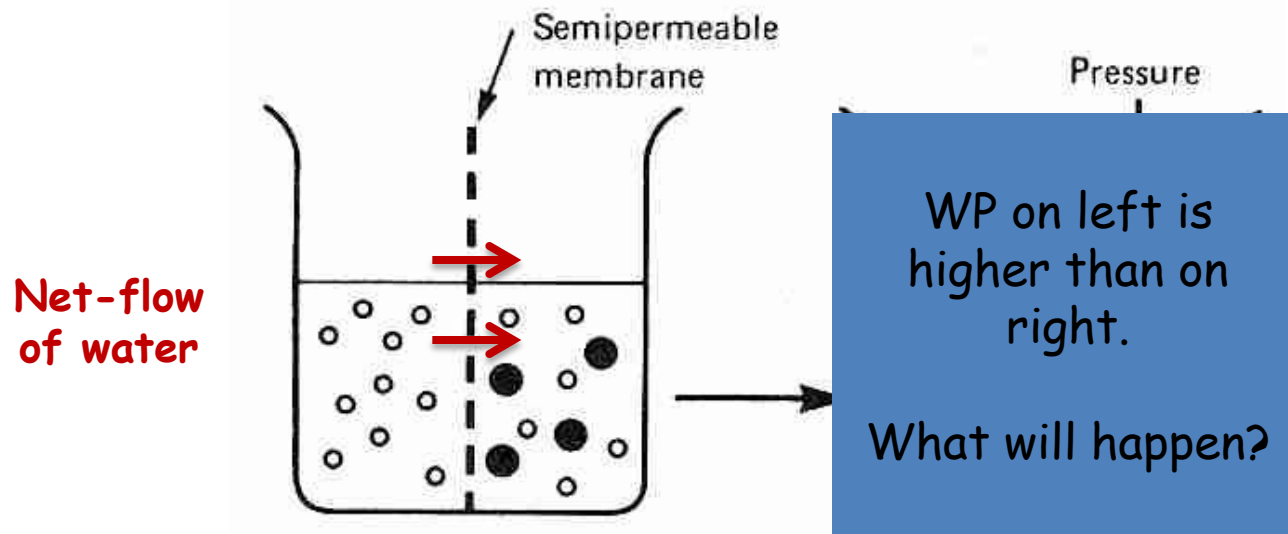
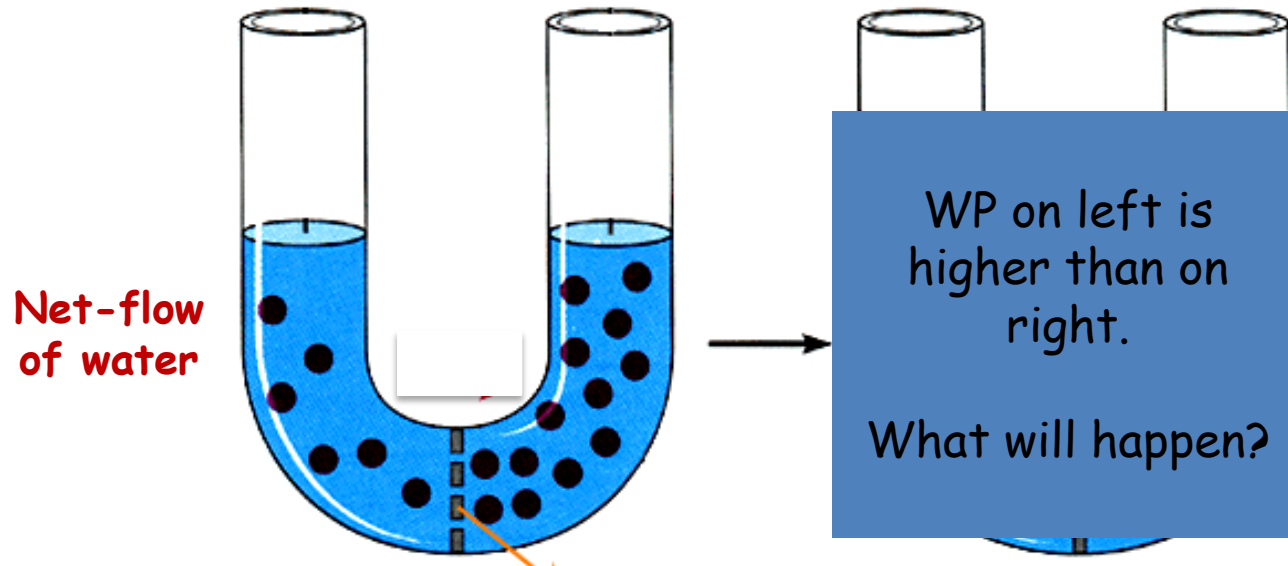


New definition for osmosis:

Water moves from a **high water potential** to a **low water potential** across a **selectively** permeable membrane.

# What will happen?

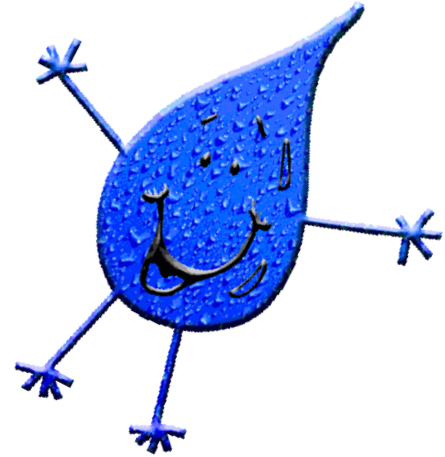
Water moves from an area of high water potential to an area of low water potential.



# Water Potential: $\Psi$



- How easy it is for water to move from one area to another by osmosis is expressed by:
- **Greek letter psi,  $\Psi$**
- Measured in: **KPa** (kilo pascals)
- Pure water = 0 (the highest)
- Solution always = negative, e.g. -6KPa.
- Stronger solutions have **more negative** water potential (less water in total)



Meet Mr Psi!  
He likes to get high, but when he is high he wants to go somewhere lower



# Water Potential: Experiment!



Have you ever seen a naked egg?



- The membrane is **selectively-permeable**...
- The egg has an unknown " $\Psi$  or  $\Psi_s$ "

What type of solution do we put the egg into make it...



1. **Gain water?**
2. **Lose water?**
3. **Stay the same?**

Higher water potential or high  $\Psi$

Lower water potential or low  $\Psi$

Same water potential or equal  $\Psi$



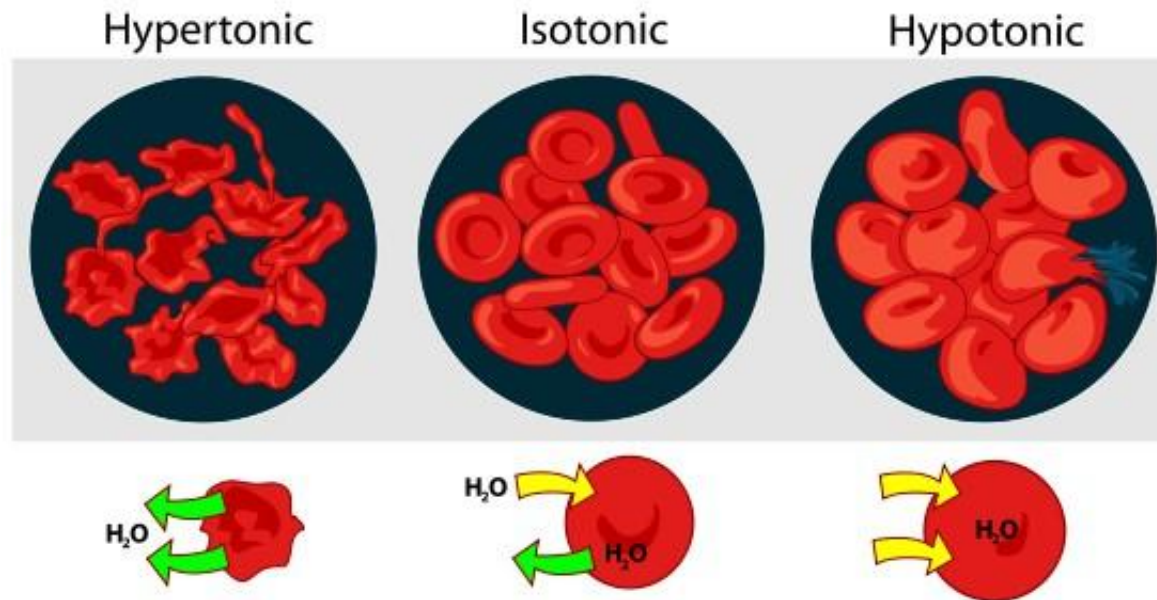


# Animal Cell: Water Potential: $\Psi_s$

- Water potential surrounding animal cell higher than the cell, it gains water, swells and bursts as the membrane does not provide pressure.
- And visa versa

In animal cells:

- Water potential = Solute potential (always -ve)





$$\underline{\text{Plant Cell Water Potential}} = \Psi_p + \Psi_s$$

## The cell wall

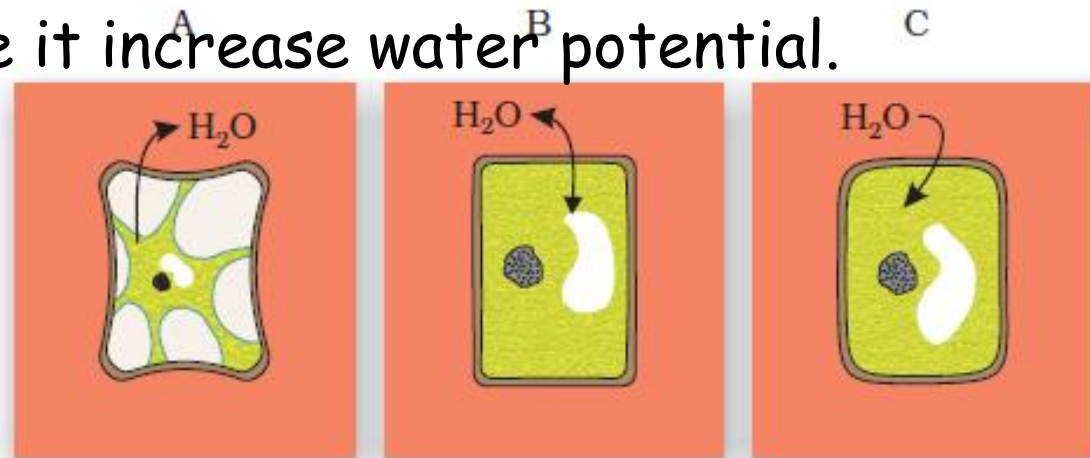
### Solute Potential: $\Psi_s$

- Pure water = zero, more solutes make water potential **more negative**
- Amount of solute = solute potential

### Pressure Potential $\Psi_p$

- Greater pressure inside a cell = greater tendency for water to leave.
- **Always positive** because it increases water potential.

Water potential  
of a plant cell ( $\Psi$ )  
 $= \Psi_s + \Psi_p$

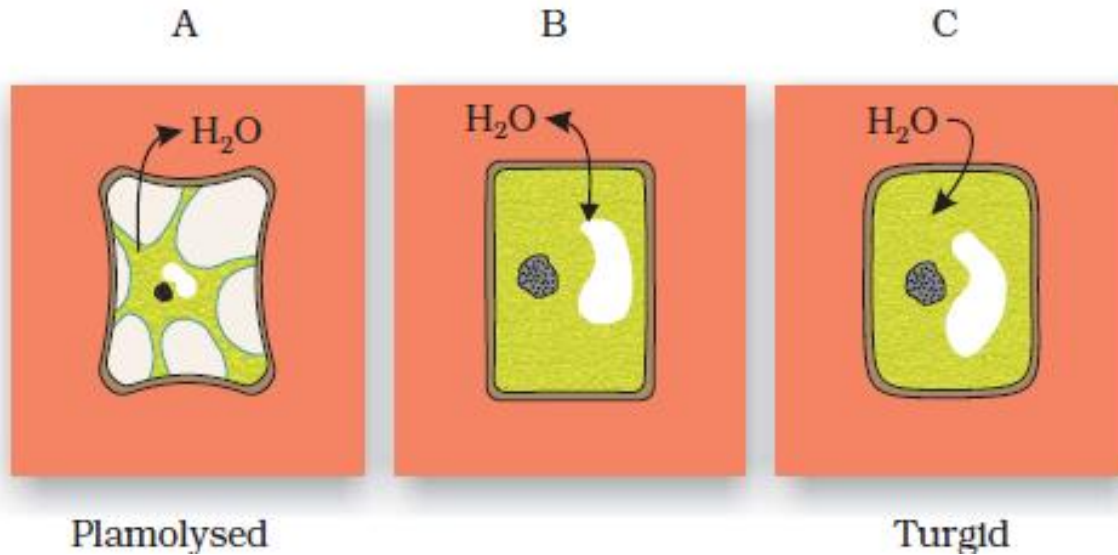


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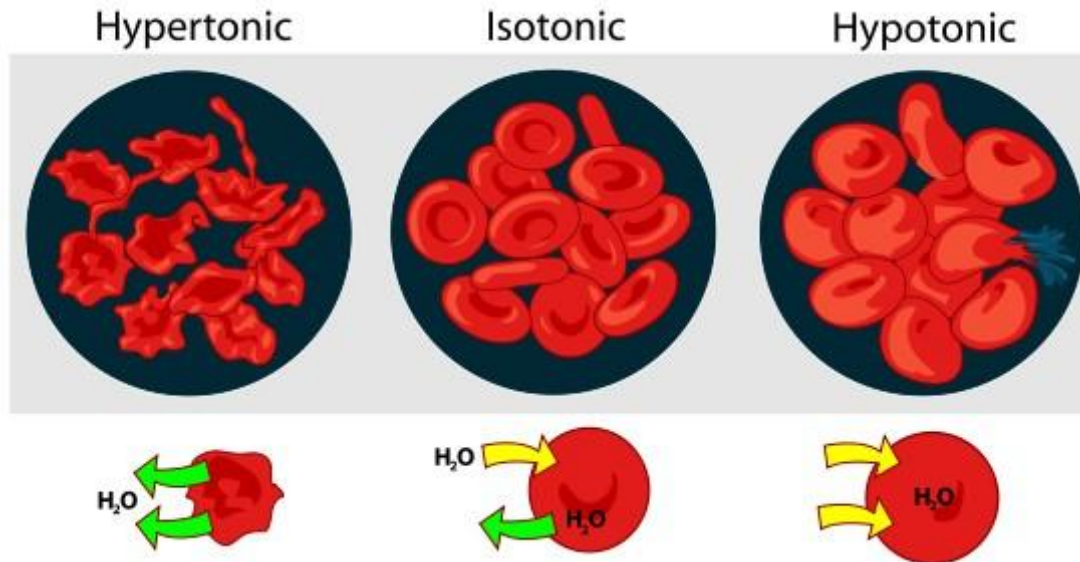
# Animal Cell v Plant Cell

**Plasmolysed**  
(cell wall pulled away from membrane)



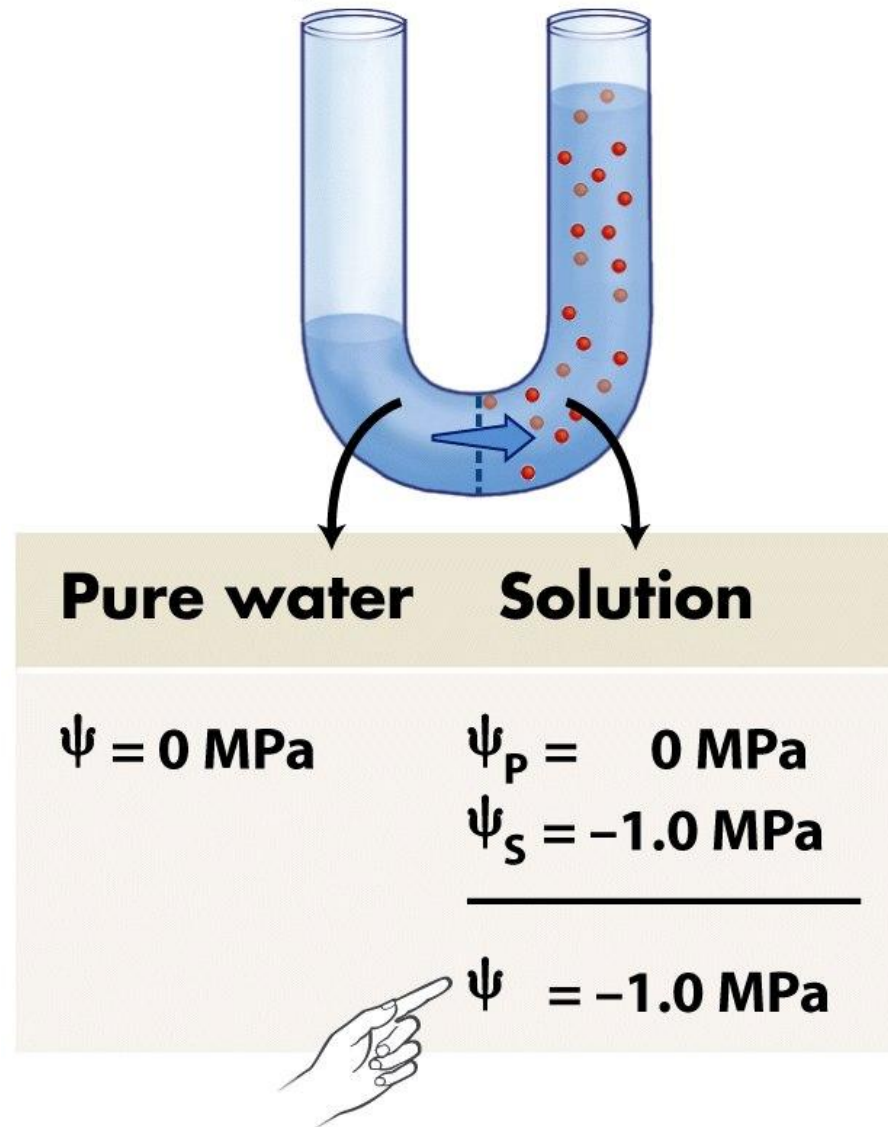
**Turgid**

**Necrosis**



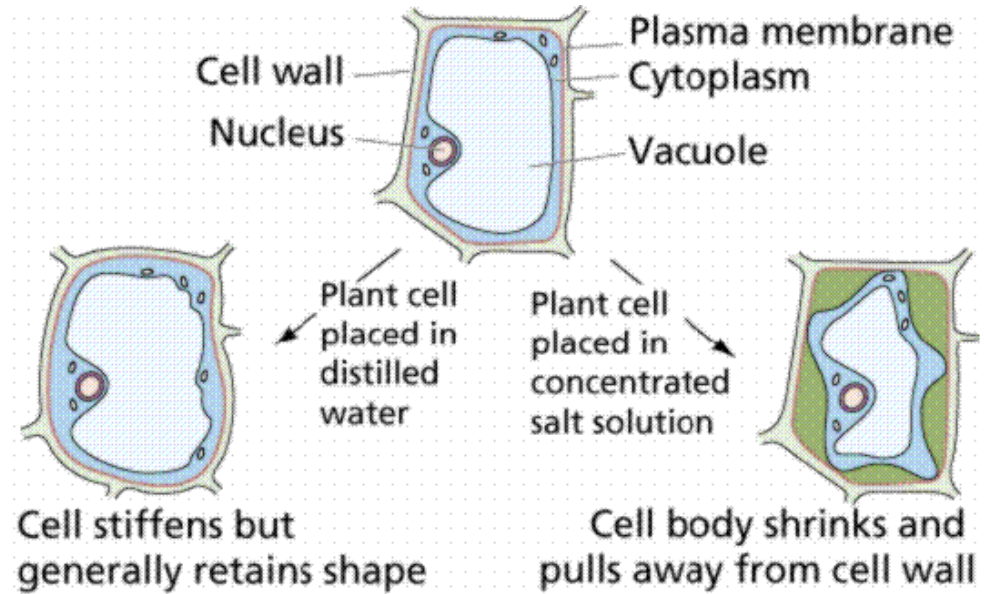
**Lysis/Bursting**

# Solute potentials differ.



Water moves left to right—from area with high water potential to area with low water potential

Complete the practice question in the back of your booklet.



**Plant cell:**

$\Psi_p$  is 200 KPa

$\Psi_s$  is - 250 Kpa

**Q1.** What is  $\Psi$  for this cell? [2]

**Q2.** If the cell is placed in a solution with  $\Psi_s$  of -250 Kpa, what will happen to the cell? [4]

Complete the practice question in the back of your booklet.

**Total out of 6?**

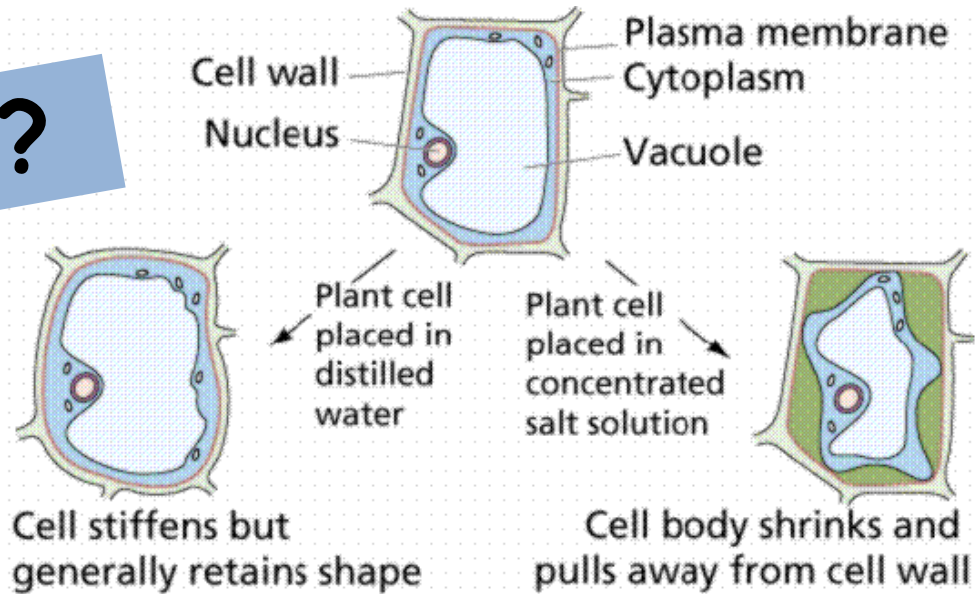
**Plant cell:**

$\Psi_s$  is 200 KPa

$\Psi_p$  is - 250 Kpa

**Q1. What is  $\Psi$  for this cell? [2]      $\Psi_s + \Psi_p = -50 \text{ KPa}$**

**Q2. If the cell is placed in a solution with  $\Psi_s$  of -250 Kpa, what will happen to the cell? [4]**



- 1. Water moves from low to high water potential ( $\Psi$ )**
- 2.  $\Psi_s$  of solution is lower than total  $\Psi$  of the cell**
- 3. Water will move from higher  $\Psi$  of cell to lower  $\Psi$  of cell**
- 4. Resulting in a net loss of water from the cell**
- 5. If too much water is lost from the cell it will plasmolyse**